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To The Sanitary Comr: √
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Plague

Resolution of the Government of Burma formulating rules for working cargo, so as to prevent the possibility of rats being imported from infected ports, ordered to be published in the Fort St. George and Maritime District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Secretary to the Government of Burma, General Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated Rangoon, 30th May 1898, No. 880/3 Z.—26.

In compliance with the instructions contained in the Government of India, Home Department, letter No. 6 Sanitary/608, dated the 20th February 1897, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy (with 15 spare copies) of General Department Resolution No. 3 Z.—26, dated the 28th May 1898, which has been issued by this Government.

Enclosure.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Lieutenant-Governor of Burma in the General Department (Sanitary), No. 3 Z.—26, dated the 28th May 1898.

Read—

(i) Letter No. 2761–24 S.—5, dated the 21st May 1898, from the Sanitary Commissioner, Burma.
(ii) Letter No. 733–3 Z.—2, dated the 23rd May 1898, to the Chairman, Port Commissioners, Rangoon.
(iii) Letter No. 549–3, dated the 26th May 1898, from the Vice-Chairman, Port Commissioners, Rangoon.

Resolution.—The correspondence above cited relates to a proposal that vessels arriving at Rangoon or any other port in Burma from Calcutta or any other infected port should be compelled to work cargo in midstream as a precaution against the importation of plague by means of rats. The theory that plague is imported in this manner is not clearly proved in any case. But there are many indications that it may be correct. It appears advisable, therefore, to adopt any practicable measure to prevent rats from leaving ships that arrive from infected ports.

2. The Rangoon Port Commissioners, who have been consulted by the Lieutenant-Governor, fully recognize that inconvenience and delay may be caused to shippers and consignees of cargo, that the cargo itself will suffer from repeated handling, and that there may even be risk to life in the crossing of passengers in sampans from vessels to the shore and *vice versâ* during the south-west monsoon. They recommend, nevertheless, that the proposed measure should be carried out.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor, having carefully considered the objections to the proposal, concurs in the opinion expressed by the Port Commissioners. His Honour accordingly, in exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (*1*) of section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, and by the notification of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 302, dated the 4th February 1897, directs that, notwithstanding the provisions of the Sea Customs Act, 1878, the Rangoon Port Commissioners Act, 1879, and the Indian Ports Act, 1889, and the rules and orders in force under the said Acts, the following regulations shall be observed at the ports of Rangoon, Moulmein, Bassein and Akyab, as a temporary measure, namely,—

(*a*) No vessel arriving in any of the said ports shall come alongside a wharf or jetty without the express permission in writing of the Collector of Customs of the port.

(*b*) The Collector of Customs shall give the permission referred to in clause (*a*) when he is satisfied that the vessel has to discharge or ship cargo of such weight that the ship's tackle is inadequate for the purpose. Provided that—

(i) the vessel in respect of which such permission is granted shall remain alongside the wharf or jetty only by day and only for so long as, in the opinion of the Collector of Customs, may be sufficient for the purpose of shipping or discharging the heavy cargo referred to; and
(ii) no other cargo shall be shipped or discharged while the vessel is alongside the wharf or jetty.

(*c*) In the case of passenger vessels the Collector of Customs shall give the permission referred to in clause (*a*), in order that passengers may embark or disembark at a wharf or jetty. Provided that—

(i) the vessel in respect of which such permission is granted shall remain alongside the wharf or jetty only by day and only for so long as, in the opinion of the Collector of Customs, may be sufficient for the purpose of landing or taking on board passengers; and
(ii) no cargo shall be shipped or discharged while the vessel is alongside the wharf or jetty.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Burma.)

(Signed) D. H. R. TWOMEY,
Officiating Secretary.

Order—No. 508, Marine, dated 16th June 1898.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" the Superintendent, Government Press.
" Collectors, Maritime Districts.
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